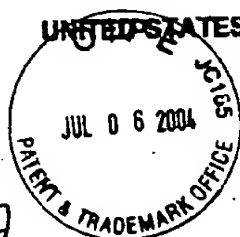


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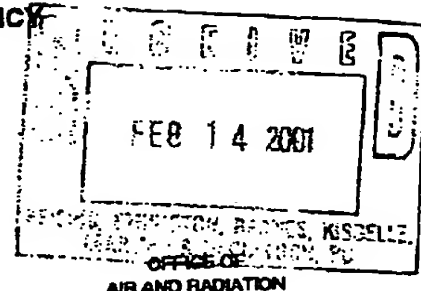
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EXHIBIT A

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Dear Mr. Ethington:

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Thank you for your letter dated January 4, 2001, regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) emissions web site.

Subsequent to the receipt of your letter, EPA held a meeting with Amesaward.com,LLC. On January 11, 2001, Chris Grundler, Deputy Director of our office and Dan Harrison of the Certification and Compliance Division met with Mr. William Mattlick and Mr. Lawrence Ranka to discuss our mutual goals of providing information to the public which will help them choose the cleanest and most efficient vehicles which meet their needs. At this meeting we jointly concluded that the methodologies used for rating vehicles by EPA and Amesaward.com,LLC were somewhat different but complementary. Another outcome of the meeting was that EPA added Amesaward.com,LLC to its mailing list of stakeholders, and included that firm in a subsequent communication to all stakeholders detailing the final version of the EPA web site. Furthermore, we will invite, as appropriate, Amesaward.com,LLC to future stakeholder meetings concerning our emissions web site.

I believe that the above actions address the requests made in your letter. I wish Amesaward.com,LLC success with their future business enterprises.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

  
Margo Tsigotis Ogo  
Director

Office of Transportation and Air Quality



### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No: 091053555 First Named Applicant: William O. Mathis  
Examiner: J. A. Smith Art Unit: 3625 Status of Application: pending

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) William O. Mathis (2) Steve Walmsley 48021 (3) J. A. Smith  
(4) Brian Libando 27,109

Proposed Date of Interview: 6/25/04 Proposed Time: 11 (AM/PM)

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>REJ.</u>	<u>All claims</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Newly added independent claims are patently distinguishable  
over the previously cited references.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:**

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

[Signature]  
(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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